

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Rd. DeWitt, MI
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 24, 2009

The regular meeting of the DeWitt Charter Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Galardi at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Rick Galardi, Treasurer Phyllis Daggy, Trustees: Steve Musselman, Brian Ross, Max Calder, and David Seeger.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Clerk Diane Mosier

Also Present: Manager Rodney Taylor and DeWitt Area Recreation Authority (DARA) Director Clay Summers, Community Development Director Richard Trent.

AGENDA **Ross moved, Calder seconded, to approve the Agenda, as presented. Motion voted and carried.**

MINUTES **Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2009 Regular Board meeting and Executive Session, as presented. Motion voted and carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

PRESENTATION: Clay Summers, DeWitt Area Recreation Authority (DARA) Director, gave a brief overview of the 2010 DARA Budget which was approved by the DARA Board.

Brief discussion followed.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT None present.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: Clerk's Summary of MTA Legislative Conference, Metropolitan Council Act Fact Sheet, July Statistics from the Clinton County Sheriff, Thank You from Phyllis Daggy, Mid-Michigan District Health Department Annual Report, Notice of Review of Apportionments from Clinton County Drain Commissioner.

COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS Manager Taylor briefly reviewed his memorandum, dated August 21, 2009, relative to the purchase of the State Road property and the Board's approval of said purchase, pointing out the various expenditures involved with this purchase.

Discussion followed.

Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, that the Board authorize the Township Clerk to execute any necessary documents for the purchase of the State Road property (050-034-200-205-00) at 1180 East State Road, in an amount not to exceed \$144,595. Motion voted and carried.

Calder moved, Seeger seconded, that the Board approve the following budget adjustment to the 2009 Township Budget: \$180,000 to 101-751-977-000 (Capital Expenditures-Parks) from 101-000-380-000 (425 Reserve). Motion voted and carried.

Musselman moved, Calder seconded, that the Board authorize the Township Manager to proceed, after the closing, with bidding the remediation and demolition of the site and authorize the Township Clerk to execute any necessary documents with the total contracts not to exceed \$32,155. Motion voted and carried.

Employment
Recommendation
Fire Dept.

Ross moved, Musselman seconded, to hire Christopher Dinsdale as an at-will Paid-On-Call Firefighter and Medical First Responder employee and Alix McGinn as an at-will Paid-On-Call Medical First Responder employee pending completion of a physical exam. Motion voted and carried.

VOUCHERS

Seeger moved, Calder seconded, to approve General Operating Fund Vouchers 55988 – 56062. Motion voted and carried.

REPORTS

Manager Taylor stated that he has been meeting with a group of individuals related to urban service district boundaries with the goal of this Tri-County Regional Planning group to establish a formalized urban service district boundary in the region that would slow down growth and urban sprawl and encourage more urban economic redevelopment. This group is asking that the jurisdictions within their group support a resolution for a grant to further the establishment of an Urban Service District.

Lengthy discussion followed.

Manager Taylor further stated that he has had discussions with the owners of King Arthur's Court and Cadgewith Farms relative to sidewalks being installed in that area of State Road; he is also investigating REU sewer charges within Mobile Home Communities; the Township has received pricing from the Board of Water & Light for the possibility of extending public water and maps are currently being developed for 5 potential districts; Case Cares will be having a Texas Hold'em Tournament at the Eastwood Towne Mall September 24-27th with proceeds to benefit the Boundless Playground and Miracle League Baseball Field.

Supervisor Galardi opened the floor for discussion about regional government. Lengthy discussion followed.

Supervisor Galardi stated that at the August 10, 2009 meeting the Board concurred with his recommendation to create an ad-hoc exploratory committee for the purpose of evaluating the expansion of recreation and senior opportunities with other jurisdictions in the area, appointing Treasurer Daggy and Trustee Seeger to this committee, with a third member of the ad-hoc committee to be appointed at a later day. He advised that he would like to appoint Larry King, a resident of Cadgewith Farms, as he feels he would be a very good representative of senior citizens in the community. He also advised that he would like to appoint Trustee Ross, rather than Trustee Seeger, to this committee as he previously served on the original exploratory committee.

Supervisor Galardi also stated that he would like to appoint Michael Matheson, of 13265 Watercrest, to the Economic Development Committee, replacing Tim Fair who was re-assigned to the Planning Commission.

Musselman moved, Seeger seconded, to concur with the Supervisor's appointment of Larry King as the third member to the DARA Exploratory Committee, and reinstating Trustee Ross, rather than Trustee Seeger, to the same. Motion voted and carried.

Musselman moved, Calder seconded, to concur with the Supervisor's appointment of Michael Matheson to the Economic Development Committee to fill the unexpired term of Tim Fair, who was re-assigned to the Planning Commission. Motion voted and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

ADJOURNMENT **Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion voted and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Martiny, Deputy Clerk
Recording Secretary

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor